

## PRE-MATCH CONFERENCE/COIN TOSS PROCEDURES

After gathering captains and coaches from each team, the two referees will stand side-by-side facing the net. The R1 conducts the meeting.

R1: Hello everyone, my name is ?? and this is ??, who will be the R2 today.

- Captains, would you like to introduce yourselves. (It is not necessary to identify a speaking captain at the conference. The speaking floor captain will be identified on the lineup sheet.)
- Coaches, do you know each other?

## FORMAT

- 'We are playing best 3 out of 5 today. If we go to a deciding set, at least one captain should be prepared to meet the R2 over here for the coin toss.'
- At the end of the warm-up, the Star Spangled Banner will be played followed by introductions (or vice versa). After the final action, please be prepared to take the court immediately.

## GROUND RULES

- Today the court boundary lines are (green – black, etc). Because there are so many other different lines on the court, make sure you are aware of the ones for this match.'
- Ceiling (pick one or several)
  - o 'There are no obstructions on the ceiling.'
  - o 'There is a curtain divider directly above the center of the court. If the ball contacts the curtain from your side and you have a contact left, you can continue to play. But if the ball contacts the curtain and goes over, the ball will be out.'
  - o 'There is a curtain/wrestling mat, etc above this court only. If the ball contacts the object and you have a contact left, you can continue to play. But if the ball contacts the object and goes over, the ball is out.'
  - o 'The backboards are all folded up in the ceiling, so they will be played as part of the ceiling.'
  - o 'The backboards are in their regular position (at the end of the court), so the ball will be blown dead if and when a ball contacts it. I will make a judgement as to if you could have played the ball or not. If I thought you could have played the ball, if the backboard was not there, it will be a reply. But if the ball would have gone out if the backboard was not there, then the ball will be called out.'
- 'Play the ball until you hear a whistle.'
- Coaches and captains, remind your substitutes to wait until the R2 authorizes them to enter. If there is more than one substitute at a time, make sure the second pair waits outside of the zone.
- No jewelry or hard headbands may be worn. Please make sure all your players have removed those items.
- It is the player's job to chase the ball when it goes outside of the court. The line judges will not chase the ball.
- Coaches – are all your players in correct and legal uniforms and ready to play? As soon as we leave this conference, I would like to see your libero uniform. Please send your libero over. Thank you.
- R2 (name), do you have anything to add?
- Does anyone have any questions?

## COIN TOSS

Pointing to the home team, the R1 should announce:

- You are the home team, is this the bench you've chosen (want to start on)?
- (pointing to the opposing team, the R1 should announce:) You are the visiting team, (if there are multiple captains) which one of you will call the coin toss?
- Call heads or tails in the air, if I drop it, we will do it again. (At this time, you may ask the home captain to repeat what the visiting captain calls.)
- After tossing the coin and catching it with both hands, show the visiting team the result, then show the home team the result. Announce to the winner of the result, it is 'heads' (or tails), you will have your choice of SERVE or RECEIVE. (You cannot ask them what they want because they might not know what their options are.)

Announce to the opposing team, 'you will serve/receive from this side.' Have a great game and good luck.

(It is not appropriate at this time to shake hands with anyone nor 'fist bump' anyone.) R2 should immediately turn to the scorekeeper and tell them which team will be serving/receiving from which side. It is a good habit for the R1 to place the coin in the pocket of the team that will serve first (from the R1's position).

#### DECIDING SET

- If we go to a deciding set, at least one captain should be prepared to meet the R2 over here for the coin toss.
  - o Pointing to the visiting team, R2 announce, you called the first coin toss, (pointing to the home team captain, announce) you will call this coin toss. After seeing the result, announce to the winner, you have choice of SERVE, RECEIVE or SIDE. The loser of the coin toss then gets their choice of the remaining options.
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